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Public Open House Scheduled to Discuss Environmental Issues

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and the U.S. Border Patrol, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, will conduct an informal open house to discuss the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed completion of the Border Infrastructure System Project along the US/Mexico border within San Diego County, Calif.

The open house will be held Thursday, Sept. 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Sports Park Recreation Center located at 425 Imperial Beach Blvd. in Imperial Beach, Calif.

The purpose of the open house is to inform the public of the decisions that have been made at this stage of the EIS. The Corps released the Draft EIS for public review from Feb. 1 to May 2, and will release the Final EIS later this fall.

The open house meeting format allows individuals to come and go at their leisure by visiting various exhibit areas and talking with subject matter experts. There will be no formal presentations, and bilingual personnel will be available.

For more information about the EIS, call Todd Smith at the Corps' INS A-E Resources Center, (817) 886-1511. For more information about the open house, call Mike Hance at the U.S. Border Patrol in Imperial Beach, (619) 662-7058.